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STATE/AID MESSAGE

E.O. 11652 GDS

TAGS: EGEN, EAID, CB

SUBJ: KOREAN RICE FOR PHILIPPINES

REF: (A) MANILA 10281; (B) SEOUL 6143; (C) STATE 180834

1. MANILA AND SEOUL NORMALLY HAVE NOT BEEN ON DISTRIBUTION FOR MESSAGES ON THE CAMBODIAN RICE SITUATION. WE ARE THEREFORE REPEATING FOLLOWING RECENT MESSAGES ON THE CAMBODIAN RICE SITUATION TO SEOUL AND MANILA: PHNOM PENH 9506, 9461, 9248, 9244, 9175, 8907, 8619, 8101.

2. AS THESE MESSAGES MAKE CLEAR THE RICE SUPPLY SITUATION HERE IS GRIM. THERE SHOULD BE NO IMPRESSION IN ANYONE'S MIND THAT CAMBODIA IS CURRENTLY WELL SUPPLIED AS REF (A) PARA 2 STATES. THE SITUATION IS ALREADY CRITICAL. BY OUR CALCULATIONS, PHNOM
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PENH WILL RUN OUT OF RICE IN 35 DAYS, AND THE EARLIEST NEW U.S.

SUPPLIES COULD ARRIVE HERE IS 70 DAYS.

3. UNLESS THIS CAPITAL RECEIVED THE ADDITIONAL RICE WHICH IS BEING SOUGHT, IT CANNOT SURVIVE. BUT JUST BARELY, FOR STOCK LEVELS WILL BE DRAWN DOWN BEFORE THE END OF NOVEMBER TO CLOSE TO ONLY ONE WEEK'S SUPPLY. THE LAST TIME STOCK LEVELS GOT SO LOW, IN SEPTEMBER 1972, THE RIOTS BEGAN. IN THIS SITUATION THE RICE LOAN FROM KOREA CAN MAKE ALL THE DIFFERENCE. INDEED, IF THE NEXT RICE FROM THE U.S. IS DELAYED AT ALL, AND WOULD NOT BE AVAILABLE IN NOVEMBER, THE RICE FROM KOREA WILL BE ABSOLUTELY ESSENTIAL TO PHNOM PENH'S SURVIVAL.
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